# IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS MARSHALL DIVISION

HEADWATER RESEARCH LLC,

Plaintiff,

v.

Case No. 2:23-CV-00103-JRG-RSP

SAMSUNG ELECTRONICS CO., LTD and SAMSUNG ELECTRONICS AMERICA, INC.,

Defendants.

DEFENDANTS' UNOPPOSED MOTION TO REDACT PORTIONS OF THE OCTOBER 2, 2024 HEARING TRANSCRIPT

Defendants Samsung Electronics Co., Ltd and Samsung Electronics America, Inc. ("Samsung") respectfully submit this motion to redact certain limited portions of the October 2, 2024 hearing transcript on various discovery motions. On October 9, 2024, Samsung notified the Court of its intent to request redactions of this transcript. Dkt. 165.

#### I. BACKGROUND

On October 2, 2024, the Court held a hearing on various discovery motions. Dkt. 159. During that hearing, the parties and the Court discussed matters designated as "CONFIDENTIAL – ATTORNEYS' EYES ONLY" under the Protective Order (Dkt. 65). For example, the parties discussed certain confidential commercial agreements between the Defendants and third-party Google, as well as Samsung confidential business information concerning its use of the accused technologies.

#### II. REQUEST FOR REDACTION

"The 'right to inspect and copy judicial records is not absolute." See Erfindergemeinschaft Uropep GbR v. Eli Lilly & Co., Case No. 2:15-cv-1202-WCB, 2017 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 14099, at \*3 (E.D. Tex. Feb. 1, 2017) (quoting Nixon v. Warner Commc'ns, Inc., 435 U.S. 589, 598 (1978)). "The decision whether to allow public access to court records is left to the 'sound discretion of the trial court ... to be exercised in light of the relevant facts and circumstances of the particular case." Id. (quoting Nixon, 435 U.S. at 599). "Where the materials relate to non-dispositive issues, the interest in disclosure is less compelling. In particular, the materials filed in connection with discovery disputes unrelated to the merits of the case have been identified as the kinds of court materials for which there is not a compelling need for public disclosure; the presumption of disclosure has therefore been held inapplicable in that setting." Id. at \*5.

Here, the narrowly tailored redactions maintain the confidentiality of matters designated as confidential under the Protective Order (Dkt. 65). The redacted materials relate to discovery issues, not to dispositive issues, thereby rebutting the presumption of disclosure. Samsung thus believes it is appropriate to redact such information from the transcript and now moves to effectuate the redaction of such information. Samsung requests that the Court order the redaction of the material discussed on the following pages of the October 2, 2024 hearing transcript:

Page	Line No(s)	Reason
5	10-15, 22-25	Reveals confidential details concerning confidential commercial agreements with third party Google
6	1-4, 16	Reveals confidential details concerning confidential commercial agreements with third party Google
10	3-6, 12-18	Reveals confidential details concerning confidential commercial agreements with third party Google
11	13-14, 16	Reveals confidential details concerning confidential commercial agreements with third party Google
12	15, 17-25	Reveals confidential details concerning confidential commercial agreements with third party Google
13	1-2, 5, 7-8, 24-25	Reveals details concerning confidential commercial agreements with third party Google
14	1, 2, 5-9, 14-16	Reveals confidential details concerning confidential commercial agreements with third party Google
15	14-15	Reveals confidential details concerning confidential commercial agreements with third party Google
23	8-10, 16-23	Reveals confidential details concerning confidential commercial agreements with third party Google
24	2-4, 6, 9-10, 21-24	Reveals confidential details concerning confidential commercial agreements with third party Google, and negotiations concerning the same
26	1-3, 6-8, 10, 13-14, 22	Reveals confidential details concerning confidential commercial agreements with third party Google
27	6-7	Reveals confidential details concerning confidential commercial agreements with third party Google, and negotiations concerning the same

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29	25	Reveals confidential details concerning confidential commercial agreements with third party Google
30	1,5	Reveals confidential details concerning confidential commercial agreements with third party Google
49	22	Reveals confidential Samsung business information
50	4, 20	Reveals confidential Samsung business information
51	3, 7-8, 10-13, 16-18	Reveals confidential Samsung business information
52	8-10, 16	Reveals confidential Samsung business information

Samsung's requested redactions are highlighted in Exhibit A, attached hereto. Where possible, these redactions were targeted so as not to include the entire line. Counsel for Headwater Research, LLC represented that they do not oppose the requested relief.

Samsung considers the details of its commercial agreements with Google and aspects of its own business information to be highly sensitive and confidential, as they are not otherwise known to the public. Public disclosure of information concerning the commercial agreements between Samsung and Google creates a risk of harm to Samsung and third-party Google during future negotiations and/or business transactions. This harm outweighs the presumption of public access at least because the redactions will not affect the public's ability to understand the underlying issues in the rest of the record, as the confidential specifics that are proposed for redaction are not germane to the issues decided at the October 2, 2024 hearing.

Good cause exists to redact this information from the transcript in light of the potential harm to Samsung and third-party Google. This motion is brought shortly after the October 2, 2024 hearing in which this information was raised on the record. And all individuals present in the courtroom during the October 2, 2024 hearing were subject to this case's Protective Order (Dkt. 65)—i.e., the attorneys for the parties, the Court, its clerks, and supporting staff members. As such, there was no need to seal the courtroom during the discussion of the confidential Samsung

business information and the confidential commercial agreements between Samsung and third-party Google. As noted above, redacting the requested details does not inhibit the public's ability to understand the dispute, the arguments, or the resolution. Samsung respectfully requests that the Court grant its motion for these targeted redactions.

### III. CONCLUSION

Samsung respectfully requests that the Court grant its unopposed motion to redact the October 2, 2024 hearing transcript and enter the redacted transcript containing the proposed redactions attached as Exhibit A into the public record.

Dated: October 23, 2024 Respectfully submitted,

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#### **CERTIFICATE OF CONFERENCE**

Pursuant to Local Rules CV-7(h) and (i), I hereby certify that counsel of record for Samsung and Headwater have met and conferred. Headwater does not oppose this motion.

/s/ Katherine D. Prescott
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# **CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORIZATION TO FILE UNDER SEAL**

I certify that the following document is authorized to be filed under seal pursuant to the Protective Order in this case.

/s/ Katherine D. Prescott
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## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing document was filed electronically in compliance with Local Rule CV-5 on October 23, 2024. As of this date, all counsel of record had consented to electronic service and are being served with a copy of this document through the Court's CM/ECF system under Local Rule CV-5(a)(3)(A).

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